

CONTACT PARKS AND RECREATION AT 952-563-8877 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
A HISTORIC GATHERING

Where: Gideon H. Pond House, Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 E. 104th St.
When: Sunday, December 18.
Time: 1 - 4 p.m.
Cost: Free.

GET IN A FESTIVE MOOD WITH A TOUCH of Bloomington’s history. Enjoy a historic house, listen to holiday organ music and sip refreshments.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC
HURRICANE RELIEF BENEFIT

JAGCORPS, A SERVICE AND LEARNING class at Jefferson High School, is partnering with schools across the Lake Conference to hold a band concert to benefit hurricane relief. The concert will be held on **Saturday, January 7**, at the **Jefferson High School Auditorium, 4001 W. 102nd St.** Non-perishable food items will be collected. For more information or tickets, call Tim Anderson at 952-806-7810 or e-mail tanders1@bloomington.mn.us.

BLOOMINGTON LOVES
ITS KIDS CELEBRATION



THIS MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF Bloomington’s youth combines community and family fun with educational programs and ceremonies to honor organizations who help kids and kids who help others. Parks and Recreation, Bloomington Public Schools and community groups call upon residents to participate.

KICK-OFF

When: Tuesday, January 31
6:30 p.m.
Where: Knott’s Camp Snoopy, Mall of America.

The **Recognition Ceremony** honors those who have done something special to benefit our community – youth, youth groups, and volunteer organizations that serve youth.

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

When: Saturday, February 25
12:30 - 3 p.m.
Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.

The event includes entertainment, exhibits, multi-cultural event, preschool play area and much more!

To become a sponsor of Bloomington Loves Its Kids, call Randi Wallenberg at 952-563-8877.

WINTER ACTIVITIES
HEAT UP THE COLD AIR

YOUTH SPORTS

FOR FUN, YOUTH WINTER SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES CALL the Bloomington Athletic Association’s Information Hotline at 952-888-0807 or visit www.BAAonline.org.

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT
HYLAND LAKE PARK RESERVE IS THE PLACE TO BE

WHEN THE WEATHER TURNS COLD, EVENTS HEAT UP AT HYLAND Lake Park Reserve, 8737 E. Bush Lake Road. Hyland offers more than 10K of groomed cross country ski trails, a two-mile snowshoe trail, and a ski and snowboard area. Or, if you prefer to play indoors, visit Richardson Nature Center for fun programs and live animals. For reservations or more information, call 763-559-6700.



fire at **Winter Survival** on **Sunday, January 29, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at Richardson Nature Center. Must be age 8 or older.

Ice fishing, snowshoeing, sledding and more are offered during two chilly, fun-packed days at **Big Time Fun in the Winter Sun** camp, **9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wednesday - Thursday, December 28 - 29**, at Richardson Nature Center. Cost is \$90.

ADULT SPORTS

TENNIS DRILLS

INSTRUCTED BY A CERTIFIED TEACHING PROFESSIONAL, DRILLS ARE PRACTICE SESSIONS to improve stroke production. Facilities include locker rooms, showers, sauna, whirlpool, steam room, swimming pool, indoor track and exercise room.

Times: *Beginner* 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Intermediate 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Where: 98th St. Northwest Athletic Club, 1001 W. 98th St.
Cost: \$60 for six one-hour lessons.
Limit: Six per class; minimum of four.
Register: Call Parks and Recreation.

DAYTIME VOLLEYBALL

ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT THE BLOOMINGTON ARMORY, 3300 W. 98TH ST. Feel free to show up alone; teams are formed on the spot each week.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 3.
Times: *Beginner* 9 - 11 a.m.
Intermediate 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cost: \$1.50 each session.

GALAXY YOUTH CENTERS

GALAXY YOUTH CENTERS ARE located in three middle schools: Oak Grove, 1300 W. 106th St.; Olson, 4551 W. 102nd St.; and Valley View, 8900 Portland Ave. The centers provide a safe, nurturing environment for youth, grades 6 to 8. Activities include Culture Club, Arts and Crafts, Youth Power, Homework Club and service learning projects. Hours are Monday - Friday from 2:20 - 5 p.m. at Oak Grove and Olson, and from 2:20 -6 p.m. at Valley View. For more information, call Suzanne at 952-681-6124. Galaxy is a partnership between Bloomington Public Schools and the City of Bloomington.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help kids with homework and academic-enrichment activities after school between 2:30 and 5 p.m. For information, call 952-681-6120.



AR&LE

THE ADAPTIVE RECREATION & Learning Exchange (AR&LE) provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in recreational, social and educational programs. These opportunities are for people with varying ability levels in specially designed programs that meet their needs. For a quarterly brochure of activities, call Parks and Recreation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our volunteers have a great time – you could, too! Just a few hours can make a world of difference. For more information, call Janet at 952-681-6121.

LOOK AHEAD

PLAN YOUR EVENT
PICNIC SHELTERS AVAILABLE
FOR RENT



PICNIC SHELTERS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE to rent for next year’s picnics, receptions, reunions or meetings. Registration begins January 3 for use April through mid-October. Shelters have electricity, grills, restrooms and drinking fountains. In addition, City parks offer playground equipment, volleyball and horseshoe courts, walking trails and softball fields. Reduced rates are available for non-profit Bloomington youth groups.

PROPOSED* RENTAL RATES

MOIR PARK

104th St. at Morgan Ave.
Shelter 1: Accommodates 200+.
\$185 + tax.
Shelter 2: Accommodates 50.
\$127 + tax.

WEST BUSH LAKE PARK

94th St. at West Bush Lake Rd.
Shelter 1: Accommodates 240.
\$185 + tax.
Shelter 2: Accommodates 150.
\$127 + tax.

EAST BUSH LAKE PARK

9140 East Bush Lake Rd.
Shelter 3: Accommodates 200.
\$245 + tax.

SMITH PARK

8155 Park Ave. S.
Shelter: Accommodates 30.
\$80 + tax.

*Subject to City Council approval, December 2005.